

WASHINGTON STATE

EMERGENCY OPERATIONS OFFICER

MONTHLY REPORT

MARCH 2006

CATEGORY	MAR 2006	2005	YTD 06	YTD 05
CSEPP INCIDENTS	7	4	16	20
DOE INCIDENTS	0	0	1	1
FIRE	8	36	32	55
HAZMAT	165	166	536	516
OTHER	26	23	78	68
911 OUTAGES	2	3	6	10
SAR	45	41	151	119
TERRORIST	0	0	0	0
WEATHER	5	7	14	12
CGS INCIDENTS	1	0	1	1
ESAR (NOT INCL IN TOTAL)	(6)	(3)	(11)	(10)
TOTAL	259	280	835	802

LEGEND

CSEPP	Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program
DOE	Department of Energy, Hanford Site
SAR	Search and Rescue Missions
HAZMAT	Hazardous Materials Incidents
WEATHER	Weather Incidents (throughout state, i.e., Flood, High Winds, and Snow)
CGS	Columbia Generating Station
FIRE	Forest Fire Incidents
OTHER	This category includes a wide variety of incidents, i.e., Tsunami, Earthquake, Critical Incident Stress Debriefings, Bomb Threat, etc...
911	911 Service Outages

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- On March 1, the National Weather Service issued a High Wind Warning for Pacific and Wahkiakum Counties and a High Wind Watch for Clallam, Jefferson, Snohomish, King and Pierce Counties. The warning and watch were allowed to expire late on the morning of March 2nd.

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- On March 3, Spokane County Sheriff's Office commenced a search for a 64 year-old dementia patient. Additional ground searchers from Stevens and Pend Oreille counties assisted in the search. The individual was located late that morning in good condition.
- On March 4, Clallam County Sheriff's Office commenced a rescue operation of a hiker who was experiencing heart problems near Striped Peak at Salt Creek County Park. Assistance was requested from U.S. Coast Guard to conduct the rescue and transport the ill hiker. The individual was successfully rescued by U.S. Coast Guard and transported to a local area hospital for observation.
- On March 5, the National Weather Service issued a Gale Warning for Camano Island to Point Roberts. It expired on late on March 6th.
- On March 6, the National Weather Service issued a Winter Storm Watch for Whatcom, Skagit, Snohomish, King, Pierce, Lewis, Chelan, Okanogan, Kittitas, Yakima, Klickitat, Garfield, Asotin, Columbia and Walla Walla Counties. The watch expired late evening on March 7th.
- On March 7, the National Weather Service issued a High Wind Watch for Spokane, Stevens, Pend Oreille, Adams, Lincoln, Whitman, Garfield, and Asotin Counties. The watch was cancelled that evening.
- On March 7, the National Weather Service issued a Winter Storm Warning for the Olympics and Cascade Mountains, Northeast Washington and Southeast Washington for the Blue Mountains. It was later expanded to include the Okanogan Highlands, Pacific, Wahkiakum, Cowlitz, Clark, and Skamania County. It expired the morning of March 9th.
- On March 10, the National Weather Service issued a Severe Thunderstorm Warning for northwestern King County and southwestern Snohomish County. A weather spotter reported one inch hail near Redmond. The warning was cancelled 27 minutes later as the thunderstorm weakened.
- On March 14, Pacific County commenced a search for a missing 40 year-old female last seen near her home in Raymond on March 12th. Additional search dogs from Grays Harbor assisted in the search which resulted in the person being located and transported to the hospital to receive medical attention.

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- On March 17, the US Coast Guard called to report there was a suspicious container at the Port Of Tacoma in Pierce County that was reported to be “ticking”. The container was investigated by authorities and subsequently opened. No improper elements found within the container.
- On March 19, King County commenced a search for a missing snowboarder in the Snoqualmie Pass area. Additional mountain rescue volunteers from Pierce, Snohomish, Skagit and Whatcom Counties assisted in the search. The missing snowboarder was located in good condition just after midnight.
- On March 20, King County commenced a rescue operation for a male hiker who had fallen 150 feet over a ledge on Money Creek Trail. Additional Mountain Rescue personnel from Pierce and Snohomish Counties and helicopter support from Whidbey Island Naval Air Station assisted in the rescue. The injured climber was rescued and transportation to Harborview Hospital in Seattle for medical treatment.
- On March 21, the National Weather Service in Seattle issued a Gale Warning for the Northern Inland Waters of Western Washington to include: Whatcom, Skagit, Island, Snohomish & San Juan Counties. The Warning remained in effect until noon the next day when it was allowed to expire.
- On March 24, an Amber Alert was issued by the Renton Police for a missing 3 year-old female. The incident was canceled at 12:45 when the subject was located and returned to her parents.
- On March 24, a High Wind Warning was issued for Pacific & Wahkiakum Counties. The Warning expired later that day as the weather front passed.
- For the month of March 2006 the SEOO's:
 - Issued 86 warnings to jurisdictions for imminent or occurring emergencies
 - Issued 31 warnings to tribal nations for imminent or occurring emergencies
 - Conducted 593 notifications to state agency liaisons for imminent or occurring emergencies
 - Coordinated 15 resources for search, rescue, recovery and response operations

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- Participated in 18 exercises of which 14 were vessel spill drills
- Made 1155 and answered 1354 telephone calls
- Conducted 1984 National Warning System Tests, conducted 261 Comprehensive Emergency Management Network (CEMNET) radio tests. (connects all counties and many cities via Zetron Radio Console)
- Conducted 57 dedicated line tests with the Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program (CSEPP)
- Conducted 3 dedicated line tests with the Department of Energy, Hanford Site (DOE)
- Conducted 7 dedicated line tests with the Columbia Generating Station (CGS)